

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Communications with the Examiner (Examiner Interview)

Applicants' representative Rabindranath Dutta, Registration No. 51,010 communicated potential amended preambles for claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 to the Examiner on July 14, 2006, in response to a telephone conversation conducted with the Examiner on July 12, 2006. Applicants also requested the Examiner to indicate that claims 26 and 30 included allowable subject matter.

In response, the Examiner telephonically informed the Applicants that he had consulted with appropriate personnel of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and suggested amendments that would overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 based rejections of the claims.

Applicants have placed the claims in a condition for allowance based on the communications exchanged with the Examiner.

Claims placed in a condition for Allowance

Applicants have amended the claims and placed the claims in a condition for allowance as indicated below. The amendments have been made to expedite the prosecution of the Application and Applicants do not necessarily agree with the reasons provided by the Examiner for rejections and objections to the claims.

Canceled claims

Applicants have canceled independent claims 1, 11, 21 that were rejected by the Examiner.

Dependent claims 6, 10, 16, 20, 26, and 30 written in independent form

The Examiner had indicated that objected dependent claims 6, 10, 16, 20 included allowable subject matter. Claims 26 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, but have requirements similar to claims 6, 10, 16 and 20.

In response, Applicants have rewritten dependent claims 6, 10, 16, 20, 26, and 30 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 26 and 30 have also been amended to incorporate computer readable storage medium, code, and a processor to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 based rejections.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-9, 12-15, 17-19, 22-25, 27-29

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-9, 12-15, 17-19, 22-25, 27-29 have been amended to depend on the claims 6, 10, 16, 20, 26, and 30 that have now been rewritten in independent form.

Antecedent basis errors have been corrected, and claims 22-25, 27-29 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 based rejections. Dependent claims 2-5, 7-9, 12-15, 17-19, 22-25, 27-29 are patentable over the cited art because they depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claims 6, 10, 16, 20, 26, and 30 that are patentable over the cited art.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney/agent of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 557-2292 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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